

Rabin, Arab leaders to visit Washington in the spring

Vance hopes peace talks resume later this year

By DAVID LANDAU, Post Diplomatic Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance last night said he expected Israel and Arab leaders to visit Washington during March and April. The Secretary made clear that Washington was seeking to renew the Middle East negotiating process early in the second half of this year.

Vance spoke at a press conference at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem at the end of his visit to Israel, which began Tuesday night. He is scheduled to fly to Cairo this morning, on the second leg of a six-nation swing which also will take him to Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria.

The Secretary did not specify the course of peace action which Washington would hammer out, but indicated that President Jimmy Carter might outline an American formula upon receiving a report on the outcome of the current mission. Vance said that he now had a "much clearer understanding of the position of Israel" with respect to a settlement, adding that he would probe the Arab leaders' views on a peace solution to the Middle East conflict.

The Secretary reiterated that the Palestinian problem was a key issue, along with the concept of peace and the question of withdrawal from a settlement. He also noted that he saw no basis for the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in peace conferences, in view of their rejection of UN resolutions 242 and 338.

After the day, long talks Israel side seemed pleased with Vance's undertaking to consult closely and fully with Israel during the impending buildup for a new peace venture. Israeli officials spoke in terms of a "new joint strategy," to be moulded by Israel and the Carter administration.

Vance himself, however, was markedly less committal in deliberately-chosen remarks after last night's state dinner in his honour. He pledged "full consultations" with Israeli leaders "as with the leaders of the other countries" involved in the conflict.

Pressed on this point at his news conference later, he affirmed that there was a "special relationship" between Washington and Jerusalem, but pointed out that the U.S. must, in its role of peacemaker, consult closely with all the parties concerned.

During the talks, the Israel side suggested a possible interim agreement between Israel and Lebanon, with a view towards stabilizing the situation in southern Lebanon. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon argued that, since the Lebanese border has become a new confrontation line, the interests of stability demand a more permanent arrangement.

Israeli officials explained later that while such an agreement would be concluded between Israel and Lebanon, it would have to have full backing from the Syrians in order to have practical value. Vance, the officials said, did not respond immediately to this suggestion.

The Israeli ministers who met with Vance thanked the Secretary for his diplomatic efforts during the recent Nabatiya crisis.

Israeli officials divulged last night that the large bulk of Syrian forces had been "redeployed" very close to the line they held on January 23, before they moved into Nabatiya and crossed the "Red Line" which Israel maintains to be its security belt with Lebanon. The latest movement, they said had taken place only yesterday.

Vance was asked by the Israel side to continue his good offices, to ensure that the Syrians move back to positions that they had held on January 23.

On outstanding U.S.-Israel issues, Vance heard Israel's plea, voiced by Defence Minister Shimon Peres, to look again at the American veto of the sale of Kfir warplanes to Ecuador. According to Israel officials, the Secretary showed little signs of reconsidering. The

Yadlin's charges sent Knesset committee

By ASHER WALLFISH, Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset yesterday passed a resolution to send the charges against Asher Yadlin to a committee. The charges relate to alleged financial irregularities in the Labour Party.

Alignment had earlier agreed to support the motion, and with its status really had little to do with the measure. But the measure was a vote, and presumably means Yadlin's charges will remain in committee, at least for the time being.

The apparent harmony between Alignment and the Labour Party was shattered by the sharp exchange of charges, and counter-charges, in the Knesset yesterday.

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yehoshua led the Knesset in a prayer for the establishment of a commission of inquiry to probe Yadlin's charges. The commission should subpoena heads of Koor Tanin, Bank Hapoalim and other financial institutions, and ask them how they gave the Labour Party, said.

The commission should ask Finance Minister Yehoshua to establish how much he paid the Knesset Religious Party to permit it to form a coalition with the Labour Party in the Tel Aviv city council, that the Jerusalem.

Over the past few days, Finance Minister Yehoshua has been accused of having helped build the Labour Party's financial base. He is accused of having helped build the Labour Party's financial base.

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AMBASSADOR Simcha Dinitz (left), Prime Minister Rabin, and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance enjoy a breakfast meeting yesterday at the Prime Minister's residence. (Vetss)

'Deeply committed' to search for M.E. peace, Vance says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said last night that the U.S. was "deeply committed" to playing a role in the search for peace in the Middle East, stressing that "we will work with you in full consultation, as we will with leaders of other countries."

Speaking off the cuff in response to Foreign Minister Yigal Allon at a dinner given in his honour at the Knesset, Vance said he deeply appreciated the talks with Israel Government leaders yesterday.

"They were held in a spirit of frankness and sincerity and fulfilled my expectations. I came away from them with an understanding of your position and concerns."

He said that the purpose of his current visit in the region was to learn how the U.S. could better facilitate the process towards peace and move it to its conclusion. He will now go to the neighbouring capitals to "learn the Arab leaders' views of the search for peace."

Warning that the road towards peace will not be easy, Vance said that this should not be a deterrent. "We shall persevere in searching for peace, believing that in the end it will be achieved."

Vance said his day in Jerusalem was memorable and moving, especially the Holocaust memorial ceremony at Yad Vashem. "It is hard to believe that something like that could ever have taken place," he said.

Welcoming the first leader of the Carter Administration to visit Jerusalem, Allon said Israel had a clear-cut message for Vance to carry to the neighbouring capitals. This is that Israel is prepared to reconvene the Geneva peace conference as soon as possible in its original format.

"We are also prepared to negotiate outside the Geneva framework," said Allon. "If our neighbours so desire, in the region, in Washington or at any other place."

Israel would prefer to move swiftly to a true, comprehensive and durable peace, Allon said, but if the Arab leaders are not ready for this, we are prepared to discuss, as a first stage, a more limited approach which would at least include an end to the state of war.

Stressing that Israel was looking forward to a continued and "fully coordinated" U.S. role in future negotiations, Allon recalled President Carter's Middle East policy statement last June in which he said that the U.S. should "never attempt to impose a settlement on Israel."

He also recalled Carter saying that "we should not force Israel to make territorial concessions which are detrimental to its security. We should attempt to promote direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbours. Israel must be allowed to live within defensible borders."

"Only an American policy based on these essential principles would be conducive to peace," Allon stated. The Foreign Minister pointed out that there was a greater sense of realism in the area, expressed in the conviction that there is no military solution to the conflict and that there is no substitute for progress through political discussions.

"We aim at a real and genuine peace and not at a substitute for peace. A lasting peace, based on mutual compromise and not on unilateral concessions," Allon added that, at the same time, "we do not envisage peace that will not include a solution to the Palestinian issue, agreed between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians themselves."

The some 200 guests at the dinner at the Knesset's Chagall chamber included the Knesset Speaker, the President of the Supreme Court, former Premier Golda Meir, Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Ministers Moshe Baran, Viktor Shemtov and Gideon Hausner, Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Yosef Almi, Prof. Yigael Yadin and Ariel Sharon.

Yadlin names two more 'in the know' on funding

Jerusalem Post Staff

Asher Yadlin has written to his cousin, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin, naming two more former Labour Party Secretaries-General as having knowledge about contributions to party funds in which he was involved. They are Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Yehoshua and Arye (Lava) Ellav.

The former Knesset Speaker, who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for charges of receiving bribes, is to be pronounced in the Tel Aviv District Court next Tuesday. He expresses regret in his letter that, of all people, he had to implicate his cousin, although Aharon Yadlin was an honest person

and was much less involved in the party's financial affairs than other party leaders.

But, it so happens, that during the period covered in his charges, Aharon Yadlin was party secretary-general. He also explains in the letter that Ellav (now an Independent Socialist MK) was scheduled to testify in Monday's trial as a character witness and was expected to tell the court how much Asher Yadlin had done for the party. But Ellav did not return in time from Paris, where he had meetings with PLO members.

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Deny Carter pledge on arms deal

WASHINGTON

While all the latest reports give slim chances for U.S. approval of the sale of the controversial cluster bombs to Israel, the White House spokesman yesterday denied that President Carter had initially assured Israel his Administration would honour all former President Ford's arms commitments to Israel.

White House spokesman Jody Powell told reporters that a decision on the cluster bombs would be released this week.

The State Department also declined to say whether the transaction would be approved. The Department spokesman said only that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance discussed the issue with President Carter shortly before leaving Washington on his current Middle East journey.

French confirm Rabin visit

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS — The French Foreign Ministry yesterday confirmed that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had accepted an invitation to make the first official visit to France by an Israeli head of government since David Ben-Gurion came here in 1948.

A Quai d'Orsay spokesman said Foreign Minister Yigal Allon de Gaulle issued the invitation on behalf of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing during his meeting with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon in Brussels last week.

The spokesman added that Israel had accepted, leaving the choice of date open between early in the spring or following the elections in May.

'NY Times' raps Vance remark

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, by saying last week that he hopes to find out during his current Middle East journey whether the PLO has moderated its views, is "treading perilously close" to a "self-destruct button" for his entire mission, "The New York Times" said yesterday.

In its lead editorial, the newspaper challenged Vance's statement that he wished to learn during his current mission whether the PLO has become moderate enough to participate in negotiations with Israel.

"He went saying he wished only to listen on this first journey through the area, yet by posing what is probably the wrong question at the wrong time and in the wrong way, he may already have said too much," the editorial said.

No Israelis on Snapir

Post Military Correspondent

There is no Israeli presence on Snapir Island, at the entrance to the Gulf of Eilat on the Red Sea, contrary to what was reported in the U.S. by CBS news yesterday.

However the IDF does patrol the island, The Post was informed.

Snapir, off the coast of Sharm-el-Sheikh, is technically the property of Saudi Arabia. The neighbouring island, Tiran, was leased by Saudi Arabia to Egypt in the mid-1960's, and was used by the Egyptians to blockade the Gulf of Eilat before the Six Day War.



WORKERS WITH political slogans hang beneath the crown of the harbour's Statue of Liberty. They were put there by students who occupied the tower for five hours on Wednesday. Students, who were protesting the treatment of political prisoners in Iran, hung banners reading "free the 18" (political prisoners) and "Down with the Shah."

00 engineers, 20,000 academics out today

last-minute efforts fail to stop massive strike by key workers

IV. — Last-minute attempts to avert the national unions of teachers and academic workers striking failed last night. Over 100 unions said that, "a miracle," they would stay in work as of this morning, or at least a major part of, said some.

Some 35,000 employees — 15,000 engineers and 20,000 academic workers — will be involved.

Gustav Badlan, the engineers' secretary-general, said he will demand "strike" pay from the special Histadrut funds set up for this purpose and said that his men would

leave the Histadrut if that body were to deny them these funds. A similar opinion was voiced by representatives of the academic workers.

Asked whether the Israel Aircraft Industry engineers would join in the strike, Yosef Ben-Avraham of the Engineers Union believed that they would do so. "There is an interesting aspect to the fact that the IAI, as a Government industry, has been conducting secret negotiations with its engineering staff and is actually giving them a 38 per cent wage hike — which is roughly what we would have received had the Barkai recommendations been implemented."

Ninety per cent of the military industry engineers voted in favour of joining the strike. The same percentage was also reported from the Ministry of Agriculture agronomists. The Union of Academic Workers includes all senior computer technicians, economists, sociologists, clinical psychologists, librarians and statisticians among its 48 professional groups.

The strike, if it materializes, will be one of the most serious of its kind the country has ever experienced. Its unprecedented scope encompasses all aspects of the country's economy including hitherto "untouchables" such as the munitions industry.

We mourn the passing of our dear friend

SONYA DEANIN

(New York)

and share the deep sorrow with Zalman and the family

Hakibutz Hameuchad
Eli Sembar
"Yad Tabenkin"

We deeply mourn the death of the architect and founder of our corporations

ABRAHAM DICKENSTEIN

Florence and Ralph Cohen

We mourn the passing of our old and dear friend

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Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	64	8-20	22
Golan	66	7-21	21
Nahariya	68	11-19	20
Safed	67	12-18	20
Haifa Port	66	15-19	20
Tiberias	62	11-23	24
Nazareth	65	11-20	20
Afula	55	11-20	22
Shomron	72	10-18	20
Tel Aviv	68	13-19	20
B-G Airport	64	14-21	22
Jericho	49	12-26	27
Gaza	79	14-19	20
Beerababa	60	14-21	22
Eilat	34	15-28	28
Tiran Straits	39	19-28	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The President, Professor Ephraim Katzir, yesterday received the Attorney-General, Prof. Aharon Barak. The President gave a luncheon for Minister Yitzhak Galili and a reception for Prof. Sobel of Brazil, president of Lions International.

Mrs. Nina Katzir yesterday visited the Neve Tzirah prison for women.

The Ecuadorian Ambassador, Dr. Hugo Jativa-Ortiz, yesterday presented the Hebrew University with a set of the Encyclopaedia of Ecuador as part of a cultural agreement between Quito and Jerusalem ratified yesterday.

The British Ambassador, John Mason, yesterday called on Tourism Minister Moshe Kol.

Jaffa Kadi A. Tahari, is to speak in English, on "Moslem life in Jaffa," at today's Tel Aviv Rotary meeting at ZOA House, at 1.15.

Ampal founder

Dickenstein

dies at 76

TEL AVIV.—Avraham Dickenstein, the founder and former president of the Ampal American Israel Corporation, a major investment firm, died yesterday at his home here. He was 76.

Born in Poland, Dickenstein came to Israel in 1921. In the 1930s he was one of the six directors of Bank Hapoalim.

Dickenstein went to the U.S. for the bank in 1936, and five years later formed Ampal in conjunction with a small group of American-Jewish businessmen. By the time Dickenstein retired in 1947, Ampal investments in Israel had reached a total of over \$900m.

3 Fatah men get life terms for murder

NABLUS.—A military court here yesterday sentenced three men to life imprisonment for the murder of a local taxi driver and membership of the Fatah.

The house of one of the men was also destroyed as punishment.

The court found Ziyad Sanjak, 35, his brother Jihad, 34, and Fuad Ghazi, guilty of the June, 1973, murder of Izzat al-Agiri, a Nahalul taxi driver.

They were also found guilty of possessing arms and sabotage equipment.

They were further found guilty of the attempted kidnapping in 1975 of Khalid Toukan, a travel agent on the West Bank and a relative of the late Queen Alia of Jordan. Their attempt was foiled when Toukan escaped.

Yadlin 'will tell more' about party funding 'if he's attacked'

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN and HAIM SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Reporters

Asher Yadlin has much more to disclose about the way that the Labour Party raises its funds, and will make this information public if current attacks on him continue, a source close to the former Knesset Holim head told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The comment was made on a report in an afternoon paper, attributed to senior police sources, that Yadlin still had in his possession most of the money he had received in bribes.

The alleged sums exceed IL2m. The Post was told yesterday. It is known where these funds are, though it is not certain if there is any legal way of recovering them, the source said.

Yadlin, sources told *The Post*, has so far discussed party funding only in response to direct questions in court. He certainly knows more, the source said.

Another source said that it was clear that yesterday's allegations were a clear attempt at "character assassination" of Yadlin on the part of the Labour Party.

The police spokesman described as irregular, but probably not illegal, a reported statement by high-level officers published in "Yedioth Aharonot." According to the newspaper, two top police officers told a reporter that Yadlin had kept the money. One of the officers reportedly said that Yadlin possibly influenced a few people to give to the party, but "to the best of our knowledge," he kept most of the money himself.

The officer reportedly went on to say that the police had no intention of investigating Yadlin's accusations in court on Monday, that he had passed on the funds to Labour Party officials, until after the judge hands down sentence next Tuesday. The police will then investigate only if the

judge takes the charges seriously, the officer reportedly said.

The police spokesman said, however, that it would be impossible to identify the loquacious officers in question, if they actually existed, because newsmen could not be compelled to reveal their sources.

In another report, "Ma'ariv" identified the firm referred to in a note to Asher Yadlin from his cousin, Education Minister Aharon Yariv. At the time the note was dated, Aharon Yariv was secretary-general of the Labour Party.

According to the court protocol, the note read: "With reference to the sum of IL70,000 that I asked you to place at my disposal, please send the cheque to me, made out to ISL company. Thank you, Aharon Yariv."

"Ma'ariv" identified ISL as a major concern for industrial factoring. A German bank joined the management in 1966 and loaned the company IL2m. Koor, the Histadrut enterprise, loaned the company IL2m. A Vadur-based company invested IL2.5 million in 1973, the newspaper said.

According to the agreement reached last week between the newspaper editors and the Attorney-General, certain parts of the agreement eluded between the prosecution and Yadlin were not to be revealed until after the legal period in which his sentence could be appealed (45 days from sentencing). This was breached yesterday by a morning newspaper, which wrote that immunity for Yadlin would be granted in exchange for his truthful evidence concerning the Tel Aviv Medical Centre and the Hamarav Co.

If he is not guilty, or if his guilt is of no greater extent than the offences for which he has admitted guilt, then he would not be prosecuted. His evidence, according to the Attorney-General, would then be used to bring whoever was guilty, even political parties, to justice.

Hope for negotiations

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ly and economically strong as the "key to all peace efforts in the Middle East." He termed the Geneva conference an "ongoing process," and said that Israel was ready to try for a comprehensive peace settlement or a "narrower option."

A full peace settlement, the Prime Minister said, must solve the three central, interlocked problems — the "quality of peace," the question of borders and the Palestinian problem. Observers noted that these three issues were precisely the points Vance had stressed in a pre-visit interview with the Israeli press corps in Washington.

For real peace, Rabin declared, Israel was ready for compromises on all three fronts. He said, "Israel would want a full-fledged Geneva peace conference this year. At the same time, Rabin warned, the illusion that a one-shot conference could bring a real peace should not be fostered.

In his response, Vance declared that there is "indeed a special

relationship between our two countries." The U.S., he said, is "fully committed to the strength of Israel."

He had not "brought blueprints — that is not our role," the Secretary of State said. "Our role is to facilitate the process of peace-making."

In general, Vance limited himself to listening hard, taking copious notes, and referring to them as he posed short but trenchant questions to the Israeli team.

What was Israel's view on possible American guarantee, he wanted to know. Was the Israeli proposal that the West Bank Palestinians take part in the Jordanian delegation the only solution Israel would accept to the problem of Palestinian representation at Geneva? (The Israeli side indicated it was not.)

The Israeli participants emerged from the talks impressed by Vance's "methodical and unhurried" approach. He plainly intended, the Israeli sources said, to study the issues in depth before committing the U.S. to any course of action.

MAHANAYIM AIRFIELD near Rosh Pina should be enlarged and improved urgently, to facilitate charter flights for Christian pilgrims, and agricultural and industrial exports from Galilee, the Knesset Economic Committee resolved yesterday.

Appeal on Jewish refugees to Vance

By JUDY SIEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday received a letter requesting that his government recognize and support the cause of 1,000,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

The appeal was sent by the World Organisation of Jews from

Arah Countriee (Wojac) and written by its world executive chairman, Mordechai Ben-Forat, MK.

Wojac notes that the U.S. has already put the rights of all Middle East refugees "on an equal footing," since it supported the UN resolution 242 which recommends "a just settlement of the refugee problem" without limiting its meaning to the Palestinians.

Dr. Maurice Roumani, a founder of Wojac in 1976 and currently its secretary-general, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Wojac intends to open an office in New York, in addition to its present offices in London and Tel Aviv. It will also hold a convention with 1,000 delegates — all refugees from Arab lands — in New York in September.

On the first anniversary of the death of my dear husband and our father

HUGO ZVI SCHATZMANN

a memorial service will be held tomorrow, Friday, February 18, 1977 at 12 noon at the Nahariya Cemetery.

In the name of the family,
Trude Schatzmann

The Management, Teachers and Staff of
Hachshalah Israel Education Services
extend sincere condolences to their colleague
Karolins Eisen, on the death of her mother

DORA DORMONT

The setting of the tombstone for

Reb MEIR BANDE

(Antwerp—New York)

will take place tomorrow (Friday)
at Har Homenueh, Jerusalem.
Meeting at entrance at 10.45 a.m.

The family



Mrs. Golda Meir at her meeting with Secretary of State Vance in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamim Tiraali)

Bar-Lev says political mores have changed

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Labour's campaign manager, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, said yesterday that the public should not judge his party's fund-raising schemes of four years ago by present-day norms.

Bar-Lev, who insisted at a press conference that he was expressing his personal views, was referring to the admission by former Knesset Holim head Asher Yadlin that he had arranged the transfer of "millions of pounds" to the Labour Party's coffers in 1973. This would be in violation of the party financing laws.

Bar-Lev argued that "the society's norms in 1977 are different from the

norms of 1973. Morally, it is very difficult to judge deeds of 1973 — which were in line with the norms of that period — according to present day concepts and norms."

Bar-Lev maintained that his role as campaign manager did not affect his work as minister.

He said that before accepting the party job, he had planned a three-week trip abroad to raise money for the United Jewish Appeal. He had also planned to go to the Dead Sea to work for a week as a labourer. The Ministry's senior staff had decided that every senior official should work in a production plant. But he said he dropped the idea because he suspected the public would see it as an election gimmick.

NRP will press government for school at Kaddum

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Religious Party Knesset faction decided today to take a tough line with the Government in an effort to get official recognition and support for an elementary school at Kaddum.

Pupils and teachers of the school held teach-ins in front of the Ministry of Education office in Jerusalem on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, as part of this campaign. Some 50 children now have to travel 30 km. each day to school in Kfar Saba.

Members of the NRP Knesset faction describe the issue as "a matter of life and death," and hint that if their demand is not granted, they, together with the Likud will retaliate by opposing the Education Ministry estimate in the budget debate.

Burg named NRP elections chief

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yosef Burg was elected head of the National Religious Party's elections bureau yesterday. Attempts had been made by supporters of Yitzhak Rabin, who quit the NRP Knesset faction last week, to stop the election. They argued that the split in the party could still be healed and that their man should be given a chance to be elected.

In another development, Mikrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi of the U.S. has threatened to cut off relations with the NRP if the split is not mended and the party appears on two separate lists on election day.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the American organization, wrote a letter to the NRP saying that, while he is not taking any part in the dispute, "it is simply difficult to understand how the danger of a Left Front together with Yitzhak Rabin is not enough to weigh the scales in favour of unity of the movement."

ANCIENT OLIVE and sycamore trees in Or Yehuda are being cut down by unknown hands. Yesterday police arrested five persons as they were loading felled trees onto their trucks.

Elections registration date set for April 11,12

Lists of candidates for the Knesset elections must be submitted to the Central Elections Committee on April 11 or 12, the committee announced yesterday.

Meeting in the Knesset, the committee said that new lists must present the committee with endorsement by 750 supporters and deposit IL40,000 with the elections committee. Should the list fail to win a single seat, one-fifth of this sum will be forfeited to the state exchequer.

Druse poll voided

ACRE.—Elections among the Druse community for the forthcoming Labour Party convention were voided yesterday by election committee chairman David Kalderon after two Druse candidates complained of irregularities.

He had come to the conclusion that the election procedure had been properly adhered to, Kalderon said, but in order to avoid "rumours and doubts," he preferred to order a new poll. Party membership among the Druse is about 4,000 in 13 villages. They will send 12 delegates to the convention.

New car battery

TEL AVIV.—Vulcan Batteries Ltd., the veteran Israeli battery producer, last week introduced the Volta, its new line of car battery which will retail for between IL475 and IL520 and carry an 18-months guarantee.

The Volta was developed using the know-how of Glohe Union, the highest manufacturer of replacement batteries in the U.S. Vulcan currently supplies about 45 per cent of the approximately 300,000 replacement batteries needed here every year. To keep up with production the firm is expanding its Haifa Bay factory and planning to open a branch at Tefen, a development community near Ma'alot. The battery cases will also be produced at Tefen, by the Gamid firm, which, like Vulcan, is a Koor subsidiary.

Tamir: Energy bill could save \$250m.

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—More than \$250m. a year could be saved by the government if it followed his plans for conserving energy, Yosef Tamir MK said here yesterday.

Tamir, whose energy conservation motion was supported by the Knesset Finance Committee last week, called for the highway speed limit to be reduced to 85 kph, a renewal of the once-a-week carless day, and an end to television programming at 10.30 p.m.

Noting that U.S. President Jimmy Carter was wearing long winter underwear and had lowered the temperature in the White House, Tamir said Israel was doing nothing to conserve energy. He claimed that the annual bill for heating and air

Labour leaders seek ways to circumvent court ruling

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Labour Party leaders are likely to retain their seats in the party's new central committee despite a Supreme Court ruling that they were not re-elected to the convention, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The party's outgoing central committee members had decided they would be given seats in the new convention without having to run in the elections. But the court on Tuesday nullified the decision. Consequently, the party's top leaders are not convention members.

However, Aharon Harel, who heads the subcommittee on party affairs, told *The Post* that the leaders may be electing to the new 50-member committee despite the ruling.

Legal experts are examining the possibility that the new convention amend the party's constitution to give the outgoing committee

members the status of elected delegates.

Should this prove legally impossible, or should the convention refuse to do so, it is still possible to amend the constitution to include non-convention members in the new central committee, Harel explained. A draft proposal to the convention states that 15 per cent of the central committee may be persons who are not convention delegates. But this percentage may be raised, Harel said. (Leader, Page 8)

Meanwhile, the heads of the local councils in Herzliya, Kfar Sava, Rehovot and Hod Hasharon yesterday declared their support for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the party's competition for the premiership nomination.

But backers of Defence Minister Shimon Peres claimed they had failed to get 2,283 of the 3,000 convention delegates and 1,381 said they will support Peres.

Begin raps Labour Party's 'ownership complex'

By SHEILA MELTZER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Menachem Begin opened the Likud's election campaign last night by addressing an audience which overflowed the town's largest hall, the Elit Cinema.

In a blistering attack on the Labour Party, Begin accused it of having developed an "ownership complex" over the years which led to an "everything is permissible" condition, which he said was the root of the corruption and scandals that have shaken the country.

Begin outlined the Likud election platform which pledges to avert war, to make a realistic peace initiative and to reinforce relations with the

Meshel for Rabin

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Histadrut secretary-general Yehonah Meshel yesterday declared his support for Prime Minister Rabin in the competition for the premiership. He made the announcement at a meeting of the Labour Party members of the Histadrut Central Committee here.

T.A. Hapoel hoopsters lose by a point

TEL AVIV.—Tel Aviv Hapoel lost to Fortitudo Alco Bologna of Italy, by one point, 83-81, in the Korac Cup quarter-finals. The game played at the Yad Elyahu Sports Palace, had a dramatic ending as Hapoel missed its chance to score toward the close.



Tel Aviv Maccabi's Aulcie Perry scores during Maccabi's 91-76 victory over Spartak Zbrojovka Brno in the final round of the European Championship Cup on Tuesday night. Team mate Jim Beatty watches the action with approval. (UPI telephoto)

Soviets admit four Israeli ski-journalists

By JUDY SIEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four Israeli journalist-sportsmen have arrived in the USSR for a convention of the International Journalist Ski Club, in the Caucasian Mountains in Georgia.

Haim Tel (president of the Israel branch) and an item reporter, Gili Kelsar (of "Ma'ariv"), Sara Manobia (of Israel Radio) and Werner Braun (a photo-journalist) received their Soviet visas in Geneva "without any trouble," according to Victor Grayevsky, vice-president of the club's Israel branch. From there they flew on a chartered Aeroflot Jet to Moscow, along with about 180 other journalist-skiers from Europe, the U.S. and Canada.

The Israelis left home without fanfare so as not to jeopardize their chances of getting visas, Grayevsky said.

After Israel's entry to the 20-year-old club four years ago, China and Arab countries applied for

membership — on condition that "the Zionist state" be expelled. The club refused to comply. The visitors, whose expenses in country will be paid by the Soviet Union, will spend two days in Moscow before flying to Tiflis and then to nearby mountains of Georgia. They will compete at cross-country and alpine skiing for six days.

"The Russians were very gentlemanly," said Grayevsky. "Their decision not to cause difficulties for the Israelis indicates that they won't do so at the Olympics."

The ski club, which met previous winters in France, Finland and Scotland, gather for discussion in thawed-out cities during the summer. It is likely that in a few years, the journalist-skiers — including the Russians — will come to Israel, he predicted.

conditioning the Knesset was more than Haim. The electric bill for December alone was IL58,000. "If they made a large window on one side (of the Knesset) then we would not have to keep the lights on all day," he said. Tamir, who also heads the Ecological Committee of the Knesset, called on the Interior Ministry to build a IL5m. pilot plant next to a garbage dump to recycle refuse into livestock feed. He said only 20 per cent of waste paper was being collected in Israel, while other industrialized nations collect 40 per cent. If Israel could recycle 40 per cent of its used paper, the country would save \$20m. a year, Tamir said. Noting that the average urban Israeli creates 250 kilograms of waste per year, Tamir called for an increase in the number of recycling industries. He said there is no one in Israel that recycles junk cars, for example, although so firms collect waste and export it to Italy. Tamir said that recycling ranks seventh place as an industry in France. He also called for outlawing heavy trucks as a means of transportation for private purposes such as taking the family on a picnic. Asked how he planned to enforce all his laws, Tamir said there was enough police to do the job but it were badly organized. He said 1,622 summonses were issued to drivers for polluting air. If the police worked more efficiently they could have found at least 10,000 violators. Tamir claimed.

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J'lem-Pretoria links ease pressure on Jews

By JIM HOAGLAND
The Washington Post

JOHANNESBURG. — "I suppose I began to notice it on the day after Hitler's birthday," a South African Jew recalled. "Some Afrikaner hoodlums usually get drunk to celebrate it and go out and paint swastikas on the synagogues. This year, no swastikas."

The pressures South Africa's Jewish minority has traditionally faced in a society where racial prejudice is legally enshrined have been easing in recent years, at the same time that South Africa and Israel have been increasing their cooperation.

Both sides veil how deep that cooperation goes, especially in the military field. But it is deep enough to concern some liberal Jews about the contribution Israel is making to the white minority government's capacity and determination to resist drastic changes in its apartheid policies.

The American government has also become concerned. Unlike Israel, the U.S. observes an embargo on arms sales to South Africa. Numbering 117,000, the Jewish community occupies an exposed position as a minority within the ruling white minority. Individually, South African Jews have been at the forefront of the liberal political movements that have campaigned against apartheid.

But the Jewish Board of Deputies has never joined the Roman Catholic hierarchy and other groups in formally condemning apartheid. "We're too vulnerable as a group," a board member says, recalling that some of the white Afrikaner

government's present top officials were interned here during World War II for pro-Nazi sentiments. Despite his own record of wartime internment, Prime Minister John Vorster was warmly welcomed by the Israeli government in an April 1976 official visit.

Diplomatic isolation has helped drive South Africa and Israel closer together. Both are repeatedly and harshly attacked at the U.N. After Vorster's visit, a South African cartoonist presented Vorster explaining: "What do you mean some of my best friends? Some of my only friends..."

Virtually all black African states broke diplomatic ties with Israel when Israel troops crossed the Suez Canal and moved into the Egyptian mainland and the African continent in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. The Israelis had attempted until then to maintain a low profile in their already important dealings with Pretoria, but after 1973 signs of much closer cooperation have repeatedly surfaced.

Israel has already supplied Gabriel guided missiles and at least two missile-carrying patrol boats to the South African navy, has licensed the manufacture here of the U.S. sub-machinegun and reportedly helped South Africa in developing a locally-made Mirage fighter bomber.

Some South African Jews are convinced that Israel military advisers are also turning up here. The two nations are known to share intelligence and tactical planning exercises of the two somewhat similar armies, diplomats report.

Mystery also surrounds the sudden release from a South African jail on November 15 of Matty Cohen, a 22-

year-old former Israeli tank commander, after he had served only seven months of a six-year prison sentence for the forcible rapes of two South African women. Cohen was swiftly deported to Israel.

The State Department is aware of low-level cooperation between Israel and South Africa on nuclear technology, according to American sources who declined to be more specific.

Israel has been reported to have nuclear weapons. South Africa appears to be working on an atomic bomb, these sources said. A white South African journalist has gathered strong indications of an influx of Israeli nuclear physicists into Pretoria over the past 18 months.

Tough statements on South Africa by President Jimmy Carter during the election campaign have already sensitized Israel on its high visibility here, according to reports from Jerusalem. One Israeli newspaper told South African colleagues that Israel will now "draw less attention" to the relationship, but will not initiate changes.

"The Israelis keep anything on their agenda out of South Africa away from us," one American diplomatic source reported. Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Simcha Dinits, is already advising Jerusalem to weigh carefully American reaction to Israel ties to South Africa, according to one report.

The U.S. has already moved to dash Israel hopes of selling the Kfir fighter to South Africa, reliable sources indicate. The Kfir uses engines and other parts manufactured under license from the U.S.,

which must give its permission for the sale.

South African Jews make up the world's tenth largest Jewish community and are among the white minority's most highly educated and affluent members. Today, despite stringent new exchange controls, they have no difficulty in remitting an estimated \$20m. a year in donations to Israel.

"The Six Day War did wonders," liberal political leader Helen Suzman says. "The 1967 victory engendered enormous respect for Israel and vicariously for South African Jews here."

A member of parliament for the Progressive Reform Party, Mrs. Suzman is one of apartheid's most outspoken foes. She is often bitterly attacked by Vorster's Nationalist Party for alleged "communist" thinking.

But the invitations for her to leave South Africa and go to Israel, once heard on the parliament's floor, and crude anti-Semitic newspaper cartoons depicting her, seem to be a thing of the past now.

The Nationalists, who fought against Jewish immigration here during the 1930s and once had a clause denying Jews membership in their party, have also stopped calling attention to the prominence of Jews in liberal politics and high finance and business.

Despite such changes, South African Jews appear to be quitting South Africa at their highest rate since 1948. Jewish immigration applications have more than doubled in the past year as black uprisings and white police repression have sharply polarized opinion.

Smith bid to make call-up easier

SALISBURY. — Prime Minister Ian Smith has moved to take some of the sting out of the stringent military call-up measures that forced his defence minister to resign.

But Smith appears far from satisfying increasing demands that he tell precisely how the government intends to act in resolving the present impasse.

Smith told Parliament on Tuesday he is appointing an impartial non-government board to review appeals against the recently ordered cancellation of almost all deferments for military service.

Previously, no provisions had been made for appeal.

Businessmen, farmers and miners charged that the new measures would bring the economy to a standstill, and the public pressure prompted Reginald E.D. Cowper to resign as defence minister last week.

The measures, which include putting reservists in the bush for 84 days between January and June and borrowing from the police and air force to beef up the army, were in-

roduced in January to deal with a sharp escalation in the war waged by Black nationalist guerrillas.

The intensification of the war, combined with the absence of the Black majority rule settlement that would help and it has given rise to public calls on Smith to show a way out.

But Smith has said appealing out the options would be tantamount to negotiating in public, and detrimental to Rhodesia's cause.

In an open letter to Smith on Tuesday, seven prominent business and professional leaders were sharply critical of the premier's policy of secrecy. "It is not good enough to say 'These matters cannot be solved in public.' For 11 years the public has been kept in the dark and nothing has been solved," the letter said.

The leaders said that the breakdown of the Geneva conference and Britain's failure to get it resumed "have left the country in a state of uncertainty and bewilderment more damaging than at any previous time."

"Public private life has been severely disrupted by the call-up," they said, citing problems in education, and in business, which "is facing total ruin."

The letter's call for Smith to disclose "precisely" what the Smith government intends to do to resolve the impasse was joined by the prominent "Rhodesia Herald." The newspaper said that Smith's recent assertion that Rhodesia is capable of fighting indefinitely "is plainly not good enough." (UPI)



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EEC warns Russians on illegal fishing

BRUSSELS. — The European Community Market yesterday warned the Soviet Union that its fishing vessels are in the waters of Common Market countries illegally and called for their immediate withdrawal.

The EEC made its declaration at the first session of negotiations on a long-term Common Market-Soviet fishing agreement.

Acting British Foreign Secretary David Owen, who delivered the warning, said the Russians were operating illegally inside the EEC's 200-mile zone because their vessels are not licensed to be there.

"The Soviet government is requested either to provide a list of vessels to be licensed or to withdraw its fishing vessels from the fishing zones of member states," Owen told Soviet Fisheries Minister Alexander Iskhov at the start of the session.

Speaking as chairman of the Council of Ministers of the nine member governments, Owen declared: "I should like to make it clear that the Community is not seeking a confrontation over this issue, nor is it motivated by any desire to make the negotiations on which we have now embarked more difficult."

This was the first time that the Community and the Soviets have met for formal negotiations.

Owen went on to say: "I would like to recall that the Council has agreed that member states should now take the necessary measures to ensure that the limits on Soviet fishing in February and March are observed."

These limits would sharply reduce the number of Soviet boats off West European coasts. The measure that the Common Market countries were planning to take have not been officially disclosed. But Irish Foreign Minister Garret Fitzgerald told reporters earlier that ships fishing illegally would be warned and then ordered off.

There was no report on how the Soviet official replied to Owen. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Heavy gains for Danish Socialists; Liberals fail

COPENHAGEN. — Danish Prime Minister Anker Jørgensen, boosted by surprisingly large gains in yesterday's national elections, is expected to try to form a coalition government for an energetic attack on the country's economic problems.

Jørgensen's Social Democrats won 12 additional places in the Danish Parliament giving them 65 of the 179 parliamentary seats. Jørgensen visited Danish Queen Margrethe yesterday and told her of his plans to form a government.

The social democrats, who formed the country's last minority government, made their gains largely at the expense of the Liberal Party — which suffered its worst results this century by losing exactly half the 42 seats it held in the last parliament.

The Liberals were clearly punished by the public, who voted in near-record numbers, for unpopular party manoeuvring that has recently blocked parliamentary action on vital issues such as wages, unemployment and cuts in public spending.

Jørgensen is certain to use his extra parliamentary muscle as a platform to persuade some of the country's smaller parties to join a majority government. But observers expect coalition talks to last several weeks.

His government will face rising unemployment and increasing foreign debts. With a 1976 trade deficit of 200 crowns (about IL29b.), the country has been actively seeking foreign loans.

Jørgensen has promised cuts in public spending to reduce debts, and has been helped in the battle against inflation by trade union acceptance of the government's proposal to keep annual wage increases at six per cent. (Reuters, UPI)

Waldheim: PLO to discuss change in its covenant

VIENNA. — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said here yesterday he expected the congress of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Cairo on March 12 to discuss its covenant denying the existence of Israel.

Waldheim, visiting his native Austria after a Middle East fact-finding mission, said Israel made clear to him it puts great emphasis on a formal PLO renunciation of the covenant.

He also said "we are still far away from a Middle East solution," and he added he had no illusions that the Geneva conference would be resumed quickly.

He was scheduled to meet today in his Vienna hotel with President Carter's special emissary for talks with Turkey and Greece over the Cyprus issue, Clark Clifford. (AP)

U.S. envoy in area to discuss Cyprus dispute

ATHENS. — President Carter's special envoy Clark Clifford begins a tour of the Eastern Mediterranean here today to determine the role that the U.S. can play in settling the Cyprus dispute.

Among other problems he will discuss in Athens, and in later visits to Ankara and Nicosia, will be dispute between Greece and Turkey and Greece's return to the military wing of the Northern Atlantic alliance.

The 70-year-old former Defence Secretary follows UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who also visited Cyprus last week.

Informed sources said his talks will centre on what role the U.S. can play in solving differences which have disrupted NATO's south-eastern flank. (Reuters)

Counterfeit spare parts suspected in Boeing planes

By WILLIAM NYE CUREY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) has announced that bogus spare parts, never certified as safe by the FAA, have been installed in as many as 100 Boeing aircraft. The FAA ordered the parts to be removed until an investigation into their airworthiness is completed.

Five U.S. airlines were ordered by the FAA on Monday to remove all the suspect spare parts in as many as 100 Boeing 747s and 727s within 45 days. Three other airlines — including Lufthansa and Air France — were warned that they also may have used spare parts marked with Boeing tags but actually produced by a small eight-man firm.

In describing the suspected fraud, the FAA spokesman said "We don't know for sure they're bad. We just don't know for sure they're good (parts)." He added that "there is no evidence of any immediate hazard."

The parts, some of which cost thousands of dollars, are basically electronic components that operate various aircraft systems, such as flaps, elate, flight instrument accessories and air conditioning systems. The spokesman said some of the parts are used in critical flight systems.

The ersatz Boeing parts were discovered in the course of investigation by King County, Washington, officials after Boeing security officials reported losing "significant numbers" of tools and blueprints from their plant. Gene Anderson, chief of the fraud division of the King County prosecutor's office said the distribution of the suspected parts dates to at least 1975.

The FAA's action comes on top of disclosures last Saturday by "The Washington Post" that an alleged scheme involving the sale of millions of dollars in potentially substandard parts with forged Bell Helicopter and Sikorsky Aircraft identification tags was under investigation.

IN BRIEF

Brazilian opposition leader muzzled

BRASILIA, Brazil. — President Ernesto Geisel yesterday stripped a local opposition leader of all political rights, the second politician in two weeks to be disciplined after claiming he had proof of torture in Brazil. Marcos Klamann, the Brazilian Democratic Movement leader in the city council of Porto Alegre, was unseated for a 10-year period under the extra-constitutional powers of the military government.

Cosmonauts at mid-point

MOSCOW. — Tass announced yesterday that Soviet cosmonauts Viktor Gorbatko and Yuri Glushko, who began their space mission nine days ago, are half-way through their experiments aboard their space station.

The news agency said the cosmonauts had begun photographing Soviet territory, apparently part of a continuing Soviet programme of space photography of the earth. Other experiments include more medical tests and a study of how composite materials break apart under heat in conditions of weightlessness, according to Tass. (AP)

Belgian austerity

BRUSSELS. — Belgian Premier Leo Tindemans yesterday presented his controversial austerity plan to parliament as trade unions announced rotating one-day strikes across the country.

Most politicians and political observers believed Tindemans' plan was more an attempted political show of strength from his shaky coalition government than a serious effort at relaunching the stagnating economy.

Major points in the plan were 20-hour work week (15.00h.) cuts in the state budget, 25% tax cuts (15.40h.) of new taxes and the hope of cutting the unemployment number of 285,500 jobsless by 50,000. (AP)

Saudia and Alaska

ANCHORAGE. — Saudi Arabia is talking about securing a stake in Alaska's offshore oil by putting its money behind a company which the U.S. set up to aid Alaska's native tribes.

The Associated Press has learned that Koning Incorporated, a corporation set up under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, is seeking Saudi Arabian backing for an effort to bid for Alaskan offshore oil leases.

Arsenic and old lace

OXFORD, England. — An elderly woman walked into a pharmacist's shop on Tuesday, the opening day of a campaign to persuade city residents to clear their homes of unwanted drugs and medicines, and handed over enough cyanide to kill 10,000 persons, officials said. (UPI)

SMOKE. — French health authorities reported yesterday that their six-month-old anti-smoking campaign is already beginning to bite with a three-per-cent drop in the number of adult smokers in the last three months of last year.

GRAND MASTER. — Isak Y. Boleslavsky, 68, Soviet chess grand master and journalist, has died after a short illness, the newspaper "Soviet Sport" said yesterday.

Malaysian Communists plan comeback

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia. — Communist guerrillas and insurgents are keeping government forces busy in the border areas of Perak, Pahang, Kedah, Perlis and Kelantan states.

The 3,000 guerrillas of the banned Communist Party of Malaya have a long-term plan to infiltrate back and re-establish bases in areas where they were strong during the 1948-1960 Communist emergency, inspector-general of police Haniff Omar said yesterday.

Haniff said this was learned when food dumps were uncovered in Perak, Pahang, Kedah, Perlis and Kelantan states.

During the emergency more than 10,000 guerrillas were scattered all over peninsular Malaysia. The remnants now mostly are in hiding along the Thai-Malaysia border jungle.

Haniff's speech was read by the director of internal security at a passing-out parade. Haniff is touring Europe and the U.S. to buy arms and equipment to fight the Communists.

The most dangerous Communist underground organization, he said, is the "mobile squad" formed a few years ago to travel from state to state to assassinate police officers. More than a dozen officers have been killed in the past few years.

The guerrillas stage sporadic attacks on government forces, but the government claims they pose no major threat at present.

In neighbouring Thailand, a secretary to Queen Sirikit was shot and killed and four other persons



Long Italy's most wanted criminal suspect, Renato Vallanzasca, 28, is helped by police on his way to jail after his capture in Rome on Tuesday. The gang leader is suspected of eight murders and numerous kidnappings. He was wounded in the shootout with police prior to his capture. (AP radiophoto)

Naples terrorist gang gets total of 295 years in jail

NAPLES. — A Naples court yesterday sentenced 22 members of a left-wing terrorist gang to a total of 295 years in jail at the end of a trial during which the defendants shouted abuse at the court and two of them escaped from jail.

Only five court-appointed lawyers and the parents of one defendant were in the courtroom when the sentences were read out at dawn, after 25 hearings and 18 hours of deliberation.

The sentences against the 22 members of the "Proletarian Armed Nuclei" (Nap) were only slightly less than the 303 years requested by the prosecution.

Giovanni Gentile Schiavone, considered the ideologist of the group,

Public Communist meet will be banned in Spain

MADRID. — The Spanish government will probably ban any public acts connected with a "Eurocommunist" summit meeting planned for later this month, a government source said on Tuesday.

But the source said the meeting might still come about if held in private.

The still-outlawed Spanish Communist party announced last week that the leading exponents of "Eurocommunism" — Italian Party chief Enrico Berlinguer, France's Georges Marchais and Spain's San-

Amin's troops call for coup chiefs' blood

KAMPALA. — Several thousand chanting Ugandan troops yesterday urged president Idi Amin to "kill the main conspirators in an alleged plot to overthrow him, including Anglican bishops."

"Kill them. Kill them today," 3,000 battle-clad troops chanted at a special ceremony arranged by Amin to disclose details of the recent coup attempt.

In a bizarre touch, an Anglican ringleader, the Archbishop of Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda, Mgr. Luwero, also attended the ceremony dressed in his purple clerical robes and sadly shook his head at soldiers and several speakers denounced him.

Amin had summoned archbishop earlier in the week, accused him, former Prime Minister Milton Obote, President M. Nyerere of Tanzania and a bishop, Yona Okot of Bukedi, being involved in the plot. But he released the archbishop with a warning to "reach the way of God and not bloodshed."

In addition to the archbishop the troops, diplomats, ministers, other invited guests attended event.

which staged a number of

attacks, kidnapping and a violence, drew the heaviest sentence, 32 years imprisonment.

Nap, one of several left-wing terrorist groups that sprang up in recent years, has been responsible for a number of attacks, including the 1975 killing of Justice Ministry official Gino di Gennaro, who was released five days in return for the transfer of rebellious prisoners.

Viterbo Prison to another jail. The defendants defied the court throughout the 25 hearings, shouting songs, reading out "communiqués," shouting "judges and lawyers are thieves" and "hostile" reporters.

Four die in Buenos Aires clash

BUENOS AIRES. — One policeman and three leftist guerrillas were reported killed on Tuesday in a gun battle in a Buenos Aires residential district. Four policemen were reported wounded.

The deaths raised to 175 the number killed in political violence

since January 1. In 1976, at least were killed.

The four-hour pre-dawn clash in the middle-class area of Parque in northern Buenos Aires drew after a sub-machinegun attack police cruiser, police said.

China hopes for added wisdom in 'Year of the Snake'

PEKING. — Battered by icy gales, the people of Peking are preparing for next weekend's spring festival ushering in the Year of the Snake — according to Chinese horoscopes a year of wise solutions to political and diplomatic problems.

Flocking to buy food and presents, swathed in cotton-padded clothes, they must hope the ancient astrological prediction will be more accurate than it was for 1976.

Last year China was sent reeling by the death of Mao Tse-tung, political rioting, a bitter power struggle and the world's worst earthquake the century. And that was "The Year of the Dragon" — traditionally a period of prosperity, success and tranquility.

This winter the to last (big cold) lingered. Many of the capital's six million people will celebrate their four-day holiday huddled into earthquake shelters, made from mud and sticks dug into the pavements of Peking.

Dwellings damaged in last July's disaster were rebuilt but the capital is still officially threatened with another jolt. Many people prefer the cold discomfort of home-made beds to the risk of remaining in their crowded workers' apartments.

Few Chinese will mourn the passing of 1976.

There were meteorite showers, awesome floods and the devastating earthquake — the traditional trinity that heralds the end of a dynasty.

Then Mao the father of Communist China, died and his widow and her followers were purged.

"New dynasty" might not be an accurate description of the leadership emerging under Mao's successor, Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, but important changes in style and direction are unmistakable.

However, any suggestion of "democratization" is rigorously denied. Mao's disgrace is unthinkable and thousands of workers have turned a part of central Peking into a huge, dusty building site to construct his mausoleum.

Barring further leadership splits, the Year of the Snake could be one of pragmatism, production and consolidation.

Certainly the astrologers' predictions of solutions to political problems need to be fulfilled.

Since 1975 death and purges have

alashed the all-powerful Communist Party Standing Committee since 1976. Out of five party chairman only one survives.

There is no chairman. National People's Congress is supposed to perform the function of state and several ministers lack ministers. Perhaps 1977's sufficient consensus in Peking ridors of power to fill the void.

Teng Hsiao-ping, a small, talking pragmatist, began his tenure as the Dragon as China's powerful administrator, for the premiership.

But his realistic and promising policy of reform before ideology, left him on the Leftist-manipulated purge of cold time in his career.

Teng's birth sign is a dragon. A Western book on horoscopes states: "The serene eye of the snake will glitter and shine with might" — few doubt Teng will back onto the centre of the stage in 1977.

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FASHION / Joanna Yehiel

Week, or the Fashion "Flash" for our local buyers? Where each of the seven — other names are Alberto Style, Lisette, Mum's House, Sandler Style, Crazy Love Shopping Mode — showed their wares to local buyers.

At a grand finale in the hotel on Tuesday night, the models raced up and down the catwalk to the rear of rock music, giving the would-be buyers a glimpse of what the clothes looked like on.

The outfits are ideal for an active summer: cool natural cotton fabrics; clear, bright colours — mainly white, red, blue; and no-nonsense good cuts, with emphasis on details such as stitching zips, pockets and tabs, buttons and buckles. All seven firms go for pants suits, jump suits, boiler suits; even the maternity dresses shown by Mum's House bear the same uncluttered, easy-going look.



On the move with Modis — summer sportswear by (left to right) Alberto Style (two outfits), Crazy Love and Sandler Style.

Enterprising women in Haifa spread the art of etching

VIEW FROM THE NORTH / Ya'acov Ardon

Three women, two born in the U.S., one in Switzerland, all graduates of art schools, first met in Haifa University's teaching studio. They decided to teach and practice etching together.

The studio's facilities are limited. The women, once hatched, graduates of the Haifa University's teaching studio, are expected to fend for themselves. The studio is located in a small building on the edge of the city.

No public etching workshop exists in the city for practitioners of the art. Accomplished professionals have their own workshop. But how to teach that without climbing the ladder of practice?

Three years ago Rita Perano, Judith Dolinsky and Irene Peretz, who met at a studio in Haifa, decided to set up a printmaking studio in a small apartment they had rented on Carmel. They bought a small, but efficient etching press, a table and other equipment. To the rent and cover costs, they added to open the studio to adults and to try to teach etching to children, the former in the morning, the latter in the afternoon hours.

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A rotten banana

Simson Carlebach

The Black Banana (Maxim, Tel Aviv). Written, produced, and directed by Eyal Sivan.

"THE Black Banana" takes the cake! It succeeds in topping those other Israeli films which had become front-runners for the worst movie we'd ever seen. In this film, everything is bad: the acting, the directing, the editing, the camerawork, the script — all equally, teeth-grinding-boringly, bad.

From what we'd heard when it was at first screened, the film seemed to be an underground, satirical, black comedy, or maybe just a comedy. It doesn't really matter. It's a love story, a satire, a pastoral thriller — anything you want.

From what we could make out, what happens in the picture (though we wouldn't like to bet on this) is that a tall, handsome Texan arrives in Israel with a group of Hassidim who are forcibly returning their hippy son to the fold. The Hassidim fight with the police. Then the Texan's parents arrive to take their son home. They hand money around and offer a \$10,000 reward for him.

The hippy meanwhile escapes from the Hassidim and meets an Arab youth who needs money to marry his girl. The Arab lends the hippy a Bedouin robe. (Somewhere, a dybbuk is connected with all this). The hippy meets a girl he likes and they and the Texan star in a kibbutz production of "The Dybbuk." The hippy brings the Texan's parents and collects the money and gives it to the Arab. Something happens to the dybbuk.

I think everybody's happy in the end — except of course, the viewers: those of them, that is, who remain till the end.

The underlying theme of the film is... you know: p-e-a-c-e. As the tall, handsome Texan says to all girls extras: "Shalom, Baby!" Peace between hippies, Arabs, Jews, police, Hassidim, misnagdim, Sephardim, dybbuks, goats and people. To the camera, it's all the same.

Polynesian Odyssey (Paris, Tel Aviv). Directed by Faleo Gafaleo.

AN odyssey-like documentary about a canoe-sailing native in the South Seas.

The Polynesian Odyssey travels in search of a few sacks of humble earth to bring back to his coral island and grow breadfruit trees. The relationship between the traditional youth and the ever-present sea is the main theme of the film, but the beautiful visuals are destroyed by mushy narration.

Depicting the '36 Just Men'

Elizabeth Trout on handmade paper, were published in a limited edition of 21, and the artist has donated the seventh print to the museum.

The 36 Unknown, according to Jewish legend, are born in every generation as exceptionally pious men without whom the world could not survive. In Hebrew they are called the tsadikim (righteous), and they may be found among the poorest labourers, but they must not reveal themselves. The legend has it that if one were to do so, he would die, and thus endanger the existence of the world.

In his series, the 80-year-old Ben-Zion, who is both an artist and a writer, depicts 36 common Jewish occupations, ranging from water-carrier to corpse washer, bodachon (jester) and beggar. He wrote a Hebrew ode to accompany each etching, and himself translated them into English. They were published by the Museum for the exhibition.

Born in the Ukraine, Ben-Zion emigrated to the United States with his widowed mother in 1920 and joined the first group of Hebrew writers in New York in 1923. He turned to painting in the thirties and has since taken up from work too.

He is also well known as a great collector of antiquities and ethnological objects, and has donated many unique collections of items to the Maritime Museum, and through it to other Haifa museums. They include 100 waxen carvings in walrus and whalebone, 100 Ashanti gold weights, 75 bronze figurines dating back 3,000 years, and 55 Mexican fertility goddesses from 1,500 B.C.E. He has also donated some of his oil paintings, mainly on biblical subjects, to the Maritime Museum.

Ben-Zion: The Woodcutter from the 36 tsadikim series.

PETS CORNER / Israella Eyal Chen

First commands for your pup

TEACHING a young puppy to "sit," "stay," and "down" is fun. There is a lot of fun involved in it. It is a game. The puppy learns to respond to a certain sound. Use any language or any sound, sharp, sound you prefer. The rule is consistency. Always use the same word to indicate the desired position from the dog.

Teach the pup in a quiet moment, when he is not busy with something or sleeping. Lessons should not be more than an hour before or after mealtime.

But his first lesson should be to teach "sit." Place one hand on the pup's chest, your palm between his front legs under the neck, fingers pointing downwards towards his belly. With the other hand cover his eyes. Now press gently, but firmly downwards with the hand on the chest, and the pup will sit down.

Teach the command "stay" while placing the pup in position. Praise him, even if the pup jumps again immediately. We are using "sit," not "stay." Repeat exercise only twice each time. The pup should sit by himself on command.

According to the "stay" command, remember that the pup is very young and can "stay" for only a few seconds. Tell him to "sit," and take one step backwards. If he gets up, immediately place him in position and repeat the command. It will take some time for him to learn.

Be patient. Placing him on a small carpet, or a low chair will often help. Work at it until he can stay for at least five full seconds. Always go back to him, and release him with a special word such as "okay." He should learn now to wait for the release command.

Use the "sit, stay" commands when feeding him. He can never be poisoned if he will not eat without permission.

This form of training is for the pup under four months old. Remember that he is easily excited. It may happen that an action performed indoors is not obeyed outside. Have patience, and you will be rewarded with a fully trained pup. Lose your temper, and you will also lose all that you have accomplished.

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AVIV STOCKS Bonds fall with c-o-l

Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter
AVIV. — The 0.2 per cent drop in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange index yesterday was caused by a general fall in bond prices. The 10-year government bond fell 0.15 per cent to 114.75, while the 5-year bond fell 0.10 per cent to 113.75. The 3-month Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 112.75. The 1-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 111.75. The 2-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 110.75. The 3-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 109.75. The 4-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 108.75. The 5-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 107.75. The 6-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 106.75. The 7-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 105.75. The 8-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 104.75. The 9-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 103.75. The 10-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 102.75. The 11-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 101.75. The 12-year Treasury bill fell 0.05 per cent to 100.75. 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New fibre glass car

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Starting this month, a new car — the British-made Kitten — can be seen on our roads. This addition to the already large variety of cars here has been made in spite of repeated criticism on that score and calls to reduce, rather than increase, the various imports.
So why bring in the Kitten now? I put this question to Ray Wiggins, managing director of the Reliant Motor Group Ltd., manufacturers of the Kitten, who is here to introduce the car. According to Wiggins, the Kitten offers something no other manufacturer does: great fuel economy, a long-lasting body, chassis and engine (1800cc.), good manoeuvrability — and all this at a relatively low price.
I asked about the safety of the Kitten, with its fibre-glass body, in view of reports that such bodies can burn completely within a little over two minutes.
Wiggins admitted that in the past the resin in glass fibre had a bigger chance of catching fire, but that today manufacturers were using flame-retarding resins. These take longer to catch fire, burning only when there is a strong flame source.
The local importer of the Kitten, Dan Yerushalmi, who manages British Cars Distributors Ltd., told me that it isn't the fibre glass that burns, but the fuel spilled in an accident. He pointed out to those who have forgotten the scenes of the Yom Kippur War, that "even steel tanks burn."
Wiggins emphasized that the Kitten meets all automobile fire regulations in Britain. He said that the Kitten passed all the required crash tests because it has a steel reinforced chassis which is bonded into the glass fibre.
Wiggins said that Reliant is not a big company — the fifth largest car maker in England, after Ford, Leyland, Chrysler, and Vauxhall. The firm is ten years old and produces about 16,000 automobiles a year. It likes to refer to itself as a specialist car producer.
Israel is the fourth country, after Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, to import the Kitten.
I asked Wiggins whether there was any possibility of assembling the



Higher traffic fines

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — After almost a year of discussion between the Ministries of Transport and Justice, it has finally been decided to raise traffic fines this June.
The stiffest fines are reserved, curiously enough, for commercial offences rather than those that might endanger life and limb.
For example, if the driver of a commercial vehicle is caught transporting someone for money, the offender now pays IL50. In June he'll have to fork over IL500. Similarly, if the driver of an automobile fails to register the transaction in time, he'll have to pay IL500, as will the seller. Formerly the buyer was fined IL400 and the seller IL50.
On the other hand, failure to drive on the right-hand side of the road will result in a paltry IL400 fine. Driving the wrong way on a one-way street will cost only IL30 (up from IL15), and crossing the white dividing line on urban streets will cost IL400 (also up from IL15). The sole IL600 fine in the safety category is reserved for drivers without headlights.
Those concerned with the quality of life should be pleased. For example, a dirty bus can result in a IL30 fine for the driver (up from IL20), while throwing litter from a car will cost the driver IL200 (up from IL10).
Pedestrians had also better beware. For crossing a street where they shouldn't they formerly paid IL5. They are now liable to pay IL50. If a pedestrian should suddenly descend from the sidewalk into the street, he'll have to pay IL30, rather than IL5.
The reduction was attributed in

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French driving habits improve

PARIS. — It might not be glaringly obvious when dodging the traffic in Paris, but French driving habits are improving, says the Association of French Motor Insurance Companies.
Accidents have dropped by 20 per cent in five years, according to Association statistics. For every 1,000 cars on the road, there were 197 accidents, with 19 fatalities in 1971. In 1975 there were only 156 accidents per thousand cars, with 15 fatalities. The reduction was attributed in part to the use of seat belts and to the stricter enforcement of speed limits. It noted that drivers under 21 still ran a higher than average risk — their accident rate has dropped only three per cent. Drivers aged 18 cause four times more accidents than drivers aged over 30.
Women drivers have slightly more accidents than men, but they tend to be less serious. Men drive fast and have worse accidents. Bachelors are the worst of all. (AP)

Bid to change 'no-fault' law

Jerusalem Knesset Reporter
The Knesset yesterday voted to commit a private member's bill by Nissim Ellad (ILP) which would abolish the "no-fault" law for traffic accident victims in its present form and have all compensation paid by the National Insurance Institute. This would be on a similar basis to compensation for victims of work accidents, for which the NII provides rehabilitation on a large scale.
The extra premium would be paid by all who pay National Insurance premiums, and not just by drivers, Ellad said. In addition, victims who so desire, can still have recourse to the civil tort legislation which was abolished when "no-fault" law came into effect last September.
Ellad was angry at four Likud MKs who tried in vain yesterday to put through another amendment about traffic accident victims, because he claimed they were trying to steal his thunder. He has opposed the current "no-fault" legislation at every stage.
Justice Minister Haim Zadok, who praised Ellad for his consistent efforts on behalf of accident victims, persuaded the House to vote down the Likud private bill, which would have enabled victims to sue negligent drivers — an action which they cannot take under the "no-fault" law.

The risks of taking a ride with a drunk driver

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal and allowed a counter-appeal against a judgement of the Haifa District Court delivered on December 6, 1975 (in C.C. 51/74).
The respondents set out by car for Haifa late one night after a hectic party in Kiryat Motzkin at which the second respondent's husband — the driver of the car — had indulged somewhat liberally in strong drink. A few minutes after their departure the car swerved off the road and struck an electric pylon. The driver was killed instantly and the respondents were severely injured.
In the subsequent action against the deceased's insurance company — the appellants in the present case — the Haifa District Court dismissed the defendants' plea that the plaintiffs had voluntarily exposed themselves to risk by riding with the deceased when they knew he was drunk, but allowed their alternative plea of contributory negligence, attributing 20 per cent of the blame for their injuries on the plaintiffs themselves.
Section 5 of the Civil Wrongs Ordinance (New Version) provides that: "(a) It shall be a defence in any action brought in respect of a civil wrong, that the plaintiff knew and appreciated or must be taken to have known and appreciated the state of affairs causing the damage and voluntarily exposed himself or herself to the risk of such damage."
In the appeal and counter appeal against the District Court judgment

Psychological lift by AT&T

AT&T — The stock market here and elsewhere yesterday with a lift in the price of AT&T shares. American Telephone and Telegraph shares are the most widely held U.S. stock, with nearly three million owners. Analysts said the move gave the rest of the market a psychological lift.
Auto stocks advanced following reports of strong early-February car sales on Tuesday.

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Freeze or folly?

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday tabled the bill by which it hopes, if it is passed by the Knesset, to conjure up a wage freeze until June 30. Today, that law, which incorporates the agreement signed last week with the Histadrut, is already being put to the test by the strike of the academics and engineers in the public service.

It was clear even last week that the real content of the Government-Histadrut accord was no more than a wage freeze, while all the other components, such as the freeze on taxes, prices, dividends and profits were either impracticable or devoid of any real content.

The bill tabled yesterday makes it clear that the wage freeze, too, will not stand up to the waves of discontent which now engulf segments of the public service which rarely, if ever, before resorted to strikes, such as the engineers in the military industries.

The proposed law not only attempts vainly to stop time from marching on until June 30 — it also contains no sanctions whatsoever against possible violators. In the only area where sanctions do exist by virtue of existing legislation, namely, price control, the law's implementation will so obviously depend upon the willingness of the Government to take action that its inefficacy can be predicted with near certainty.

This law, and the accord on which it is based, cannot be regarded as anything but the product of confusion. Were it implementable, even if passed by the Knesset, it would at most loose upon the economy an inflationary avalanche of price, wage and, necessarily, tax increases four months from now. The expectation of these developments by the public will certainly not be conducive to restraint in consumption during the interim period.

As a matter of fact, there is not much chance that this law, even if passed by the Knesset, will achieve any of its objectives. If one of its intentions, which for obvious reasons has not been spelled out, is to prevent an immediate wage increase which would become a new and higher base on which the Cost-of-Living Allowance of April will have to be paid, this is unlikely to fool any group of workers.

Even in the unlikely case that they will be effectively restrained from pressing their demands now, they will certainly present their bill, with interest, when the time for thawing the freeze comes.

The only result of the Government's present moves is that the breakdown in labour relations in the public sector will drive out the most qualified and most enterprising of the public servants, leaving the Government to pay the wage increases to those who, because of their lower standards, will remain behind.

This bill should, therefore, be returned to the Government. Beseeching the sun to stand still and trying to legislate the staying of the moon in the Valley of Ayalon will accomplish little. The public servants are not Amorites and the Government should sit down to negotiate with them in earnest. If paid they must be, it is better to pay now, to retain the better among them and not to embitter all. The inflationary effect will in the last analysis also be less than what we may expect after the elections.

Labour and its woes

TROUBLE comes in threes. Nowhere would this proverb seem to be more tragically true today than for the Labour Party. Not only has the party been racked by an unprecedented and divisive competition for its top leadership position; not only has it been engulfed by a sea of troubles discharged by the Yadin Affair; but now the very summoning of its national convention scheduled for next Tuesday, at which the dramatic race between Rabin and Peres was to be decided, has been placed in doubt.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld an earlier District Court decision barring automatic cooptation of the 600 members of the present Central Committee to the forthcoming convention as full voting members. As a result neither the two contenders nor the ministers, Knesset Members, Histadrut leaders, mayors and other party functionaries will be seated at the convention.

This is due to the decision of the party leadership to instruct the Central Committee and Leadership Bureau members not to stand for election as convention delegates. The assumption, and the promise — the District Court's decision notwithstanding — was that their automatic cooptation to the convention somehow would be assured.

Of even greater significance is the fact that under the Labour Party's own constitution — which the Supreme Court describes as a binding compact between the party and its members — only 10 per cent of the new Central Committee to be elected by the convention may be selected from outside the convention. Thus, unless some heroic constitutional measure are taken by the convention, 90 per cent of the current leadership of Israel's ruling party will have to vacate their posts in the party's ruling bodies.

This is so mind boggling a prospect that the party's legal minds will doubtless be burning the midnight oil from now until next Tuesday to find a way out of this new calamity. The convention, when it convenes — minus the members of the vetoed Central Committee — may of course seek to amend the party's constitution so as to permit the Committee's coopting. But in the country's new political mood it is far from certain that such a step would be immune to renewed applications for staying orders from the courts.

In any case, it is difficult as yet to foresee what this new development will do to plans for the election of the party's leader, originally scheduled for the convention's second day, on Wednesday.

The entire imbroglio is a product of the Labour Party's inability to outgrow its "half tea-half coffee" tradition. When it was decided to hold democratic elections for the coming convention, it was also felt that the party still had to guarantee the entrenched representation of its Abud Ha'avoda wing, and of various party leaders who were not entirely sure of election at the branch level. The compromise decision was to have some 18-20 per cent of the convention delegates — exactly the number of the present Central Committee with its finely balanced factional composition — coopted rather than elected.

As in the case of party financing practices, the Labour Party seems here, too, to have fallen victim to its own misguided rear-guard fight against changing political mores. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court's decision that a party's constitution is more than a scrap of paper should be welcomed as a harbinger of a new era in politics.

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The future of the Holy City

Jerusalem may not reach the political agenda for some time yet, but the prospect of keeping the holy city united as well as peaceful has already elicited some thoughtful

ideas. ABRAHAM RABINOVICH reports on a number of practical alternative suggestions just aired by Jerusalem's Deputy Mayor MERON BENVENISTI.

THE PROBLEM of Jerusalem may eventually be resolved if it is broken down into its elements, so that Arabs and Jews "can discuss the trees instead of the forest," according to Deputy Mayor Meron Benvenisti.

These "elements" are outlined by Benvenisti in the English version of his book, "Jerusalem, The Torn City," published last week. Benvenisti cautioned, however, in a recent interview that the essential willingsness to compromise is still lacking. Action on the problem of Jerusalem must therefore wait until some momentum towards compromise has been established on other fronts. "The whole thing today is academic," he said.

BENVENISTI was in charge of East Jerusalem affairs for the Municipality for five years after the Six Day War, during which time his liberal policies made him an increasingly controversial figure. In 1971, a contingency paper he had prepared for the Foreign Ministry was leaked to the press in distorted form by opponents, causing a major outcry. In its authentic version, the paper had suggested the creation of a Jerusalem metropolitan "county" with dual sovereignty.

In his book, Benvenisti says Israel and Jordan are in agreement on only one point — that Jerusalem must remain an open city. The question is under whose sovereignty. The Arabs are unwilling to accept Israel's claim to the whole city. Israel is unwilling to accept Jordan's demand for exclusive Arab control over the Arab sector. Without making any recommendations of his own, Benvenisti lists several possible approaches.

• Restoring Arab sovereignty to the Temple Mount and to Arab neighborhoods of Eastern Jerusalem, but not to the Jewish neighborhoods built since 1967 across the green line — nor to the Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall and the Mount of Olives. (Some Arabs have endorsed this compromise, says Benvenisti, but the majority of them would object to it. Besides, "most Jews would view it as a redhibition of Jerusalem." The idea would in any case be difficult to

implement because it seeks to create islands of Jewish and Arab sovereignty.)

• Israeli sovereignty over the united city, but with a sovereign Arab corridor to the Temple Mount which would also be under Arab sovereignty. (This was proposed by Israel at one time, says Benvenisti, but the Arabs rejected it because it would leave Arab residents under Israeli rule.)

• Adding West Bank areas outside the present municipal borders to Israel's sovereignty in return for areas within the borders. (Such a swap would enable Jerusalem to expand its connections with the coastal plain to the northwest and southwest. But the Arabs, says Benvenisti, would not consider it a fair trade while the Jews would be unwilling to give up any part of the annexed area of the city.)

• An Israeli-Arab condominium. (This is hard to implement and does not meet the demands of either side, says Benvenisti.)

• The internationalization of Jerusalem, ("impractical and clearly opposed by both sides," says Benvenisti.)

• Creating a super-municipal unit with dual sovereignty. The unit would encompass united Jerusalem — which would remain under Israeli sovereignty — as well as outlying areas including Bethlehem, Ramallah, Beit Sahur, Beit Jallah, El-Bira and more than 10 villages, all under Arab sovereignty. Both sovereignities would share control of a roof municipality responsible for the overall problems of "Greater Jerusalem." The organization would be similar to that of the Greater London Council, which is an amalgam of boroughs. There would be a dozen or more sub-units or boroughs along ethnic or urban lines. (This could be implemented on a municipal level, says Benvenisti, but would encounter great opposition on the governmental level.)

Whatever the form of sovereignty, adds Benvenisti, there must be unrestricted movement for people, goods, capital and labour within the city, and there must be no tax borders. There must also be a

system of justice, police, extradition, municipal services, utilities, transportation, currency, and similar matters "which do not negate the accepted principles of sovereignty." Benvenisti cites as an example the arrangements among the Benelux countries and among the Scandinavian countries.

AS FOR THE QUESTION of the Temple Mount, which is perhaps the thorniest issue, Benvenisti lists several suggestions. Among these are:

• The removal of the Temple Mount from the sovereignty of any state. An international agreement would establish the responsibilities of the Muslim Council which would administer the Mount as well as questions of legal immunity, tax exemptions and police arrangements. This agreement would be signed by Israel and an Arab state. In other matters, including customs duties, Israeli law would apply.

• Symbolic Arab sovereignty — the right to fly an Arab flag, post a uniformed guard, use Moslem currency as legal tender on the Mount, and mention a Moslem ruler in sermons — the latter two being intrinsic expressions of sovereignty under Islamic law. In all other respects, Israeli law would apply.

• Institutionalization by Israeli legislation of the status quo whereby Israeli sovereignty prevails but effective control is in the hands of the Muslim Council.

Every one of these and other alternatives listed by Benvenisti is distasteful to substantial numbers of people within either the Israeli or Arab camps, if not both. Determined not to encourage false optimism, Benvenisti nevertheless sees one hopeful sign. In refusing to see Jerusalem become a divided city again, both sides are implicitly indicating their willingness for compromise — even though they may not know it yet.

"You can't say you don't want it to be the way it was before 1967, and then say you don't want to compromise. If people are forced to face this fact, they may be willing to pay the price," says Benvenisti.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

WHERE IS THE TRUTH?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — There has been much controversy about the address delivered by Mrs. Marcia Freedman, M.K. in Philadelphia on November 8, 1976 under the auspices of the Philadelphia Chapter of B'nai B'rith. The advertised subject of her address was the innocuous one, "The crisis in Lebanon. What it means to Mideast peace."

On December 2, The Jerusalem Post published a letter from a certain Ernest Brydon hitherto criticalising this address which he called "a one-and-one-half hour tirade of anti-Israeli, pro-Palestinian propaganda." It quoted, in inverted commas, accusations made by Marcia Freedman of "murder of innocent Arab children" and of "armed Jews with killer German Shepherd dogs attacking Arab neighbours in Kiryat Arba," etc.

On December 13, there appeared in The Jerusalem Post a rejoinder from Mrs. Freedman. She found it "unthinkable" that The Post should publish this letter without first soliciting her reaction. She "stated flatly that not one of the remarks attributed to me is correct" and that she was "neither a fool nor a liar." What puzzled me about this categorical wholesale denial of the remarks attributed to her ("not one") was that the whole letter was a denial that she had made the alleged statements without a word of what she had said.

The name Ernest Brydon conveyed nothing to me and I decided to write to him to ask whether he could adduce corroborative evidence of the truth of his allegations. I duly received a reply, "Mr. Brydon's credentials were certainly impressive. He is a Colonel Brydon,

and (I quote) "A Colonel (Reservist) in the U.S. Marine Corps (Command) and I believe I have the distinction of being the only U.S. officer titled to the privilege of wear Israeli paratrooper wings earned Tel Nof."

As references to his credibility, reliability, he gave the names a number of Israelis who could vouch for him. They included Mr. Moshe Yegar, head of the Foreign Ministry's Information Department; Aluf Avraham Adan, Shaul Rosi, Aluf Rafael Eitan and Mr. Issai Ben-Yaacov. All of them hesitatingly vouched for his integrity.

Not only did Col. Brydon insist every word that he had written was true, but he added grisly details of the torture which Marcia Freedman alleged was inflicted upon Arab prisoners, which could not be ascertained by published, but which he mentioned in a private letter, corroborative witnesses to the truth of his statements, he gave the name of David Gross, a reporter on Philadelphia Jewish Exposure, a Mr. Michael Masch, employed by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia. Both members of B'nai B'rith and would vouch for his statements.

Mrs. Freedman, in maintaining that she had not said, clearly implying that Col. Brydon is, according to her, to his name must presumably have added all those mentioned whom she apparently accuses of wilful mendacity.

It is for the readers of The Jerusalem Post to decide where the truth, or if they wish, where the lies and where the truth.
LOUIS I. RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem.

ABORTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I must admit that it annoys me intensely when a man starts airing his views on abortion — for I gather that Chester Linderman and Louis I. Rabinowitz (February 9) are men.

Surely this is a problem that can only fully be understood by a woman, and unless the man concerned is responsible for the pregnancy in question, I really don't see what right he has to interfere — and only then if he is willing to share all the responsibility involved.

Contrary to Mr. Linderman's views, no woman has an abortion for fun or fashion, and the decision is not taken lightly — after all, it is our body and we have to live with it. Ponder on this, all self-righteous men: the world, and even the State of Israel, might be a much better place if all our children were wanted and therefore brought up with more love and understanding.

ALISON GRAUVAUD
(Wife and mother)
Givatayim.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE ARMY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I am a new immigrant recently helped as a volunteer in the Army and it was my most rewarding experience since I came to the country. I am retired, and, with the exception of two, I was the youngest in my group, and I am past 60. I am attending charity work, all quite nice, but not what I have given of myself can realize the privilege of being able to help all our sons — the great army in the world.

Volunteers are badly needed. I don't walk, I run and I have the chance to gain this and that, and that you'll proudly carry on your heart while having the wonderful experience that you had and which you will never forget. So volunteer today by c/o Jerusalem 225855.

FRANCIS MAR
Jerusalem.



Labour Party leaders vote in 1973...

...But what about next week's convention? Yossi Sarid and Halifa branch secretary Uri Agami explain why they switched horses in the premiership stakes.

The tax reform that failed: Baruch Nadel concludes his series with an attack on the Ben-Shahar report.

Ludwig Mayer at 98: Philip Gillon talks to the founder of Jerusalem's oldest Jewish bookshop.

Alex Berlyne writes with prejudice about Valentine's Day. The weekend Dry Bones.

This and more in tomorrow's

THE JERUSALEM POST MAGAZINE

POSTSCRIPTS

WE ARE BEING swamped by letters from irate readers on the subject of the advertisement for the Inter-Continental chain of hotels in the February 7 issue of "Time" Magazine.

The full-page colour ad lists the chain's hotels in the Middle East. In six cases, the country in which the hotel is situated is mentioned in addition to the city. The lone exception is Jerusalem.

Most of the angry writers suggest that since the management of the Inter-Continental chain is unwilling to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Jewish clients around the world should draw the necessary conclusions and accordingly boycott the chain.

For ourselves, we should like to think that the tycoons of Inter-Continental Hotels (which we believe are owned by Pan-Am Airways) either feel that Jerusalem is the centre of the world or recognize the spiritual quality of Israel's capital. From time immemorial in Jewish tradition Jerusalem has existed on two planes — Yerushalayim shel ma'ala and Yerushalayim shel ma'la.

(Jerusalem the earthly and Jerusalem the heavenly).

Incidentally, in all fairness to "Time," it should be said that the advertisement in its Feb. 14 issue mentions only cities, without reference to country.

F.D.
THE DEATH of Anthony Eden last month reminds some of us at The Post of how he changed his opinions in later life. We used to listen to some of his broadcasts over the BBC after the Suez Campaign. It was interesting to see how the man who created the Arab League suddenly discovered Israel and vigorously pledged support for this country's rights to exist in safety. He spared no words to condemn the duplicity of some of his former friends.

It should be noted in all justice, however, that from then on Eden's attitude towards Israel, in particular concerning the concessions this country was expected to make towards its neighbours, underwent no basic change. He continued to deplore terror and appeasement and, as Lord Avon, joined the group of 16 Conservative Friends of Israel in the House of Lords.

KING KHALED of Saudi Arabia has invited two of Holland's leading professional soccer teams to play in Riyadh next summer. He is anxious to show his subjects what good football looks like and has decided that Ajax of Amsterdam and Feyenoord of Rotterdam are just right for the purpose.

But there are two snags, our Amsterdam correspondent notes. In the first place, the Dutch footballers can't leave Holland until after the end of the soccer season in June — and their available dates may coincide with the semi-finals and finals of Saudi Arabia's King Khaled Cup which the monarch is unwilling to postpone.

In the second place, both the Dutch teams and the supporters who will accompany them will be expected to be in possession of certificates, "non-Jewish" in particular, a club with many Jewish supporters and they have already announced that they have no intention of applying for these racist certificates.

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